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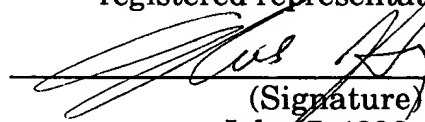
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 1996 in the file of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

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Please amend claims 1, 9, and as follows.

C 1. (Amended) A purified preparation of primate embryonic stem cells which (i) is [capable of proliferation in vitro culture] which is capable of proliferating in an in vitro culture for over one year, (ii) maintains a